

October 2005
NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Property crashes in October were decreased by 8.0% and injury crashes were down by 3.8%. Fatal crashes dropped sharply to 4 from last years 6 and last months 9. Total crashes decreased by 7.7% from last month and by decreased 12.0% from last year.

Overall field enforcement was up 8.6% in October as compared to September and was up by 20.7% from the same time last year. DUI arrests from crashes were up and DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 24.4% and hazardous moving violations increased by 15.1% as compared to last month.

The Northern Command Commercial Section completed 113 Level I inspections during the month of October. The Level I Inspection goals for the 05/06 Federal Fiscal year are 545. The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section has completed 21.12% of this goal.

During the month of October, 549 Level II/III inspections were completed. The Level II/III Inspection goals for the 05/06 Federal Fiscal year are 5874. The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section completed 9.3% of this goal.

The Northern Command airplane conducted a total of eight speed enforcement missions during October which resulted in a total of 228 violations.

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The Northern Command will continue to target the accident causing violations in the high crash areas during the high crash times in an attempt to reduce the number of crashes.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October 2005		October 2004	% Change		September 2005	% Change
Total Crashes	397		451	-12.0%		430	-7.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	265		324	-18.2%		288	-8.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	128		121	5.8%		133	-3.8%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		6	-33.3%		9	-55.6%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	19		15	26.7%		24	-20.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	10		7	-42.9%		10	-60.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		2	0.0%		4	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		4	-75.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	5		0	100.0%		5	-80.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	28		21	33.3%		34	-17.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicles	25		15	66.7%		31	-19.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		2	50.0%		3	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.0%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.8%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 7.1%

CRASH ANALYSIS:

Overall crashes were down 7.7% this month compared to last month and 12.0% down from the same month last year. There was a sharp 55.6% decrease in fatal crashes when comparing last month and 33.3% when comparing last year.

Reno and Carson areas continue to have significant amounts of road construction which has influenced the crash rate. Ongoing construction in the "Spaghetti Bowl" and North McCarran/Clear Acre area create significant traffic problems in the Reno area with major congestion occurring during the commuter traffic hours.

Reno Urban Traffic experienced a 0.4% decrease in traffic crashes from last month. The majority of Reno urban traffic crashes continue to occur within the McCarran loop and during commuter hours.

Fernley/Fallon area experienced an decrease in overall crashes decreasing by 1.6%.

Carson/Tahoe/Minden experienced a decrease of 21.5%.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	October 2005		October 2004	% Change		September 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	19		18	5.6%		16	18.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes **	107		76	40.8%		86	24.4%
Other Arrests	480		366	31.1%		341	40.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	214		172	24.4%		176	21.6%
Speed violations	2024		1585	27.7%		1975	2.5%
Hazardous moving violations	840		770	9.1%		730	15.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	359		266	35.0%		296	21.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	5668		4696	20.7%		5219	8.6%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	47		11	327.3%		72	-34.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	43		18	138.9%		46	-6.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	662		374	77.0%		823	-19.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	275		141	95.0%		276	-0.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2247		878	155.9%		2205	1.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	127		32	296.9%		98	29.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	52		27	92.6%		87	-40.2%
Total school buses inspected	97		163	-40.5%		153	-36.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	28		39	-28.2%		30	-6.7%
Total trucks weighed	114		162	-29.6%		103	10.7%
Total overweight citations	31		14	121.4%		17	82.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	354		267	32.6%		526	-32.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

* Seat belt and child restraint

** Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

FIELD ENFORCEMENT:

Overall enforcement was up 8.6% overall and was up by 20.7% from the same time last year. All categories of enforcement were up from last month as well as last year in comparison.

COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT

As the Commercial Section of the command entered this new federal fiscal year, it prepared to meet or exceed the required goals and objectives as stated in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan, (CVSP). During the next few months, the Northern Command will maintain a high level of work performance in an effort to ensure it will have a good base as we enter the winter months.

The Commercial Enforcement Section will continue to schedule check-sites and Pre-Pass will be used at the Mustang check-site whenever possible.

Finally, the scale teams will be used throughout the command in an effort to locate those vehicles operating in excess of the allowable weight or unsafely. This command will be receiving new scales and training during the second week of November. These new scales will assist the scale teams with overweight enforcement.

Throughout the next fiscal year, the Northern Command, Commercial Enforcement Section will continue with its Strike-Force efforts in the Southern Command, Las Vegas area. The Northern Command will be sending commercial troopers, a total of six times to Las Vegas. These efforts are designed to assist in the accident reduction of commercial motor vehicles traveling in the Las Vegas area.

The Commercial Enforcement Section's CVSI's will continue with the state school bus inspection program. We will continue to monitor the out-of-service ratio currently being seen in the Washoe County School District.

The Commercial Enforcement Sections will again be assisting the Las Vegas command in their New Year's Eve enforcement and anti-terrorism program.

The 72-hour check-site will be held in Elko this federal fiscal year. The specific dates have not been selected at this time.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft flew a total of 56.4 hours during October. Ten speed enforcement missions were scheduled; eight were flown. One was cancelled due to rain and one for a special assignment. Two missions were flown in the Central command; six were flown in the Northern command.

There were five misdemeanor in state prisoner transports accomplished during the month.

Trooper Brown has been appointed a backup pilot and is flying the aircraft.

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Approximately five hours of dual instruction will be necessary to become proficient in the operation of this airplane. This will be accomplished during November and the plane is expected to become operational by December.

Below is a comparative summary of N111HP flight operations in the Northern and Central commands for the month of October, 2005.

Total Hours Flown	2005	2004	Change
Time over sites.....	23.3	18.3	27 %
Time enroute to sites.....	12.1	16.1	- 25 %
Prisoner Transports..... (5)	19.4	(5) 25.5	- 24 %
Maintenance.....	1.6		
Miscellaneous.....		2.2	
Total:	56.4	62.1	- 9 %
Enforcement Missions Flown:	8	6	33 %
Total Enforcement Activity:	228	147	55 %
Activity Per Flight Hour:	9.8	8.0	23 %



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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FRONT OFFICE	October 2005	October 2004	% Change	September 2005	% Change
Accident Reports Processed	465			419	10.98%
Arrest Reports Processed	195			147	32.66%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	18			3	500%
Office Accident Reports Taken	15			19	21.06%
COURT / WARRANT	October 2005	October 2004	% Change	September 2005	% Change
Warrants Received	500			488	2.46%
Warrants Entered	502			169	197.05%
Warrants Cleared	550			421	30.65%
Warrants Validated	213			191	11.52%
Citations Processed	3816			3344	14.12%
COMMUNICATION CENTER	October 2005	October 2004	% Change	September 2005	% Change
Radio Transmissions	127131	87294	45.6%	99498	27.7%
CAD incidents	15711	8794	78.6%	11747	33.7%

FRONT OFFICE

Three Administrative Assistant II positions are still currently vacant. A front office AAIL is still being utilized as a backup to the vacant warrants position. That front office position continues to remain open at this time. One AAIL attended the "First Line Supervisor's Academy" in Carson City the third week in October.

COURT WARRANTS

Some compensatory time for entering backlogged citations is being accrued by the AAIL filling in from the front office; however time accrued is down 31% from last month. Regular citations processed increased by 14%. Warrant entry is current through the letter "N" for August. September and October are in arrears for base entry.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Northern Command Communication center currently has two vacant Public Safety Dispatcher I and one PSD IV positions. However, with 3 personnel actively in training, the Center remains effectively down 6 positions. Interviews were conducted for the new positions and 6 applicants have reached the background phase. Movement will be slow as the Backgrounds office is down to 2 investigators.

Total work hours lost increased by 43.77% since last month primarily due to an increase in sick, annual, and comp leave use. It increased by 12.89% from the previous year due to a rise in sick and holiday off time.

Compensatory overtime decreased by 58% and paid overtime increased by 6.8% when compared to the same period last year. Overtime as a whole increased by 61.28% when compared to the same period last year and increased by 65.56% when compared to last month. The increase from last year is primarily due to the increased loss of personnel. The coverage of vacant positions accounted for 70.65% of the overtime followed by 17.44% for sick leave and 12.69% for annual leave.

Radio transmissions increased by 45.64% over this period last year and 27.77% since last month. CAD incidents have increased by 78.66% over last year and increased 33.74% since last month. The primary reason for the increase in transmissions is likely due to the new arrival of field personnel as well as increased radio use by allied agencies. The increase in incidents is primarily due to the increase in population reporting more and more information to DPS.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

The month of October provided numerous events for the Northern Command public relations office. Several sworn personnel had the opportunity to get involved with scheduled activities in Reno and Carson City. We participated in the first "Run for Education" at Meridian Gold Company in Reno. The highway patrol was present for the event and had a booth with public safety information to hand out. Over 1,000 runners participated in the event which was covered by local television stations.

We also participated in the first annual "Community Awareness Fair" at Carson High School. Numerous law enforcement and local public safety were on hand to provide awareness and education to the community. Our office was invited to give a driving under the influence presentation to a panel of new judges at the National Judicial College in Reno. The Intoxilyzer 5000 breath machine was demonstrated as well as a perspective from the law enforcement side beginning with the probable cause for the traffic stop to the field sobriety tests. Because of the positive feedback from this presentation, we were invited to do a similar presentation again next spring. We were also invited to participate in the "Sam's Club Safety Month" event at the local Reno store.

We are still continuing with the one hour long weekly radio show labeled "Trooper Talk" which can be heard every Wednesday at 4:00pm. This show has the highest listener ratings and we still continue to promote our division as well as educate the public. Our daily live traffic reports on News Channel 8 were recently cut back to just Monday's only. The television station finally partnered up with a radio station which is doing the traffic reports. We are, however, now doing live traffic reports Tuesday through Friday on KUUB 94.5 FM (Cub Country) at 6:00 am and 8:30 am. This radio station has a huge listening audience and this was a big step in getting us out on the radio waves.

One of the planned goals is to have more sworn personnel teaching drivers education and highway safety awareness to the local high schools. Several personnel responded to a recent e-mail inviting enthusiastic and motivated individuals to get more involved.

Lastly, we participated in the annual Nevada Day Parade and the annual Trick or Treat event at the Governor's Mansion. With winter just around the corner, as well as the festive holiday season close by, we will be more involved with providing more and more safe driving tips to our residents and visitors.



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